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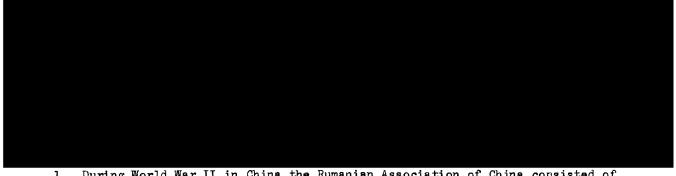
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- 1. During World War II in China the Rumanian Association of China consisted of approximately 50 members who resided in Shanghai and about 60 other members who lived in wirious cities of China; about 40 Rumanians in China were not registered. During this time the Rumanian Ambassador to Tokyo issued passports for Rumanian citizens in Japan and China.
- 2. At the present time (June 1948) the Rumanian Association of China has approximately 150 members, including 70 who reside in Shanghai. Among its members are persons who are natives of Bessarabia, Transylvania, and Bukovina (West Ukraine). The Association's offices are in the home of its treasurer, D. N. Stefanescu, 66/14 Route Lorton, Shanghai.
- 3. The Executive Committee of the Rumanian Association in China consists of the following persons, most of whom are of Jewish origin:
 - (1) G. M. Rachinsky (also reported as U. M. Rachinsky), chairman: He is a lawyer by profession and has been chairman of the Rumanian Association of China for the last seven years. His law office is at 480 Nanking Road East, Shanghai. He is a former cavalry captain of the Imperial Russian Army and a veteran of the Civil War in Russia, during which he served in the ranks of the White Army. He also served in World War I. At present he resides at 1333 Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, telephone 72295.
 - (2) M. Izkovichiu, vice-chairman: He is the owner of Marko's Night Club on Avenue Edward VII. He is a monarchist.
 - (3) L. Miron, secretary: This is a paid position and the only one held at present by Miron, who is a journalist by profession. For a period he was employed by UNRRA.
 - (4) D. N. Stefanescu, treasurer: He is a mechanic by profession and owns a workshop on Rue Bourgeat. He resides at 66/14 Route Lorton.
 - (5) W. F. Lupulescu, member: He is a jeweler and watchmaker and for about 20 years has been employed with Ismer and Company, 244 Nanking Road East.
 - (6) "Candidates" who are actively participating in the work of the Executive Committee of the Rumanian Association are:
 - A. Ducan, a shoemaker who owns a shoe store on Route Vallon.
 - D. Vanka, a mechanical engineer who is presently employed by a Chinese firm.
- 4. According to statements made by Chairman Rachinsky, all members of the Executive Committee and the majority of the members of the Association are loyal to

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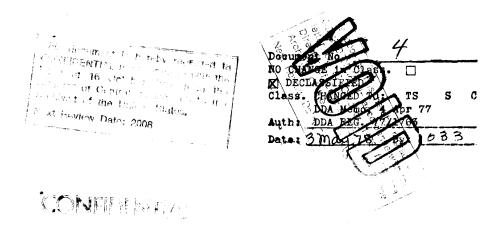
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ex-King Michael and do not recognize the present Soviet-dominated government of Rumania headed by Pertu Groza. In addition to sending congratulations to Michael on his wedding to Princess Anne, the local Association also sent letters to the office of King Michael and to leader of the Rumanian Peasant Party who escaped to the United-States.

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The letter from the Association to Michael was reported by the press, as well as his answer, which expressed thanks and good wishes.)

- 5. Because the new Soviet-dominated Rumanian Government is not recognized by the Central Government of China, old Rumanian passports are not recognized in China and Rumanian citizens are registered with the Chinese Foreign Pap Chia Office as "stateless of Rumanian origin."
- 6. Some local Rumanians feel that at present the Soviet authorities and the new Rumanian Government are conducting negotiations regarding Rumanian citizens in the the Far East and that Rumanians residing in China will be registered with the various Soviet Consulates. Because of this, the Executive Committee of the Rumanian Association of China, during confidential meetings, decided to start proceedings with the Chinese authorities regarding the establishment of a "Rumanian Emigres' Association." Until registration, the Executive Committee does not have official meetings; however, it is proposed that, after receiving a permit from the Chinese Social Affairs Bureau, the Executive Committee will publish a notification for Rumanian citizens to join the new "Rumanian Emigres' Association."
- 7. The Rumanian Association of China is represented on the Coordinating Committee connected with the IRO by J. (I.) A. Zabulanis, Acting Lithuanian Consul (not recognized by China), who represents 18 small groups. About 27 members of the Rumanian Association of China receive relief from the IRO.



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